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The Starfire interconnect extends the envelope of Unix symmetric multiprocessor (SMP) systems in several dimensions. **Interconnect:** an active centerplane with four address routers and a 16x16 data crossbar provides 64 UltraSPARC processors with uniform memory access at a bandwidth of 10,667 MBps. **Flexibility:** Starfire can be dynamically reconfigured into multiple hardware-protected operating system domains. **Robustness:** Failing boards can be hot swapped without interrupting sy ...

Keywords: SMP, UMA, bandwidth, domains, interconnect, latency, partitions

2 ## Accelerating shared virtual memory via general-purpose network interface support   ▬
Angelos Bilas, Dongming Jiang, Jaswinder Pal Singh
February 2001 **ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS)**, Volume 19 Issue 1
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Clusters of symmetric multiprocessors (SMPs) are important platforms for high-performance computing. With the success of hardware cache-coherent distributed shared memory (DSM), a lot of effort has also been made to support the coherent shared-address-space programming model in software on clusters. Much research has been done in fast communication on clusters and in protocols for supporting software shared memory across them. However, the performance of software virtual memory (SVM) is sti ...

Keywords: applications, clusters, shared virtual memory, system area networks

3 ## Multi-protocol active messages on a cluster of SMP's   ▬
Steven S. Lumetta, Alan M. Mainwaring, David E. Culler
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Clusters of multiprocessors, or Clumps, promise to be the supercomputers of the future, but obtaining high performance on these architectures requires an understanding of interactions between the multiple levels of interconnection. In this paper, we present the first multi-protocol implementation of a lightweight message layer---a version of Active Messages-II running on a cluster of Sun Enterprise 5000 servers connected with Myrinet. This research brings together several pieces of high-performa ...

4 <u>FM-QoS: real-time communication using self-synchronizing schedules</u>

Kay Connelly, Andrew A. Chien

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FM-QoS employs a novel communication architecture based on network feedback to provide predictable communication performance (e.g. deterministic latencies and guaranteed bandwidths) for high speed cluster interconnects. Network feedback is combined with self-synchronizing communication schedules to achieve synchrony in the network interfaces (NIs). Based on this synchrony, the network can be scheduled to provide predictable performance without special network QoS hardware. We describe the key el ...

Keywords: communication, network, predictable performance, quality-of-service, real-time, scheduling, synchronization, wormhole

5 <u>The SGI Origin: a ccNUMA highly scalable server</u>

James Laudon, Daniel Lenoski

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The SGI Origin 2000 is a cache-coherent non-uniform memory access (ccNUMA) multiprocessor designed and manufactured by Silicon Graphics, Inc. The Origin system was designed from the ground up as a multiprocessor capable of scaling to both small and large processor counts without any bandwidth, latency, or cost cliffs. The Origin system consists of up to 512 nodes interconnected by a scalable Craylink network. Each node consists of one or two R10000 processors, up to 4 GB of coherent memory, and ...

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8 STiNG: a CC-NUMA computer system for the commercial marketplace

Tom Lovett, Russell Clapp

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"STiNG" is a Cache Coherent Non-Uniform Memory Access (CC-NUMA) Multiprocessor designed and built by Sequent Computer Systems, Inc. It combines four processor Symmetric Multi-processor (SMP) nodes (called Quads), using a Scalable Coherent Interface (SCI) based coherent interconnect. The Quads are based on the Intel P6 processor and the external bus it defines. In addition to 4 P6 processors, each Quad may contain up to 4 GBytes of system memory, 2 Peripheral Component Interface (PCI) busses for ...

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Much of the performance analysis done in designing a computer is based on fundamental operation rates, like cycle time and number of pipe stages in an operation pipeline. This kind of analysis yields peak computation rates which, in fact, may never be realized. Resource contention between different units, each of which has a fundamental operation rate adequate to support a given overall peak, may cause the actual obtainable rate to be much less. In order to determine the effects of interact ...

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James C. Hoe, Chris Hill, Alistair Adcroft

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Kimberly Keeton, David A. Patterson, Joseph M. Hellerstein
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13 Performance evaluation of a commercial cache-coherent shared memory multiprocessor

Rajeev Jog, Philip L. Vitale, James R. Callister
April 1990 **ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review , Proceedings of the 1990 ACM SIGMETRICS conference on Measurement and modeling of computer systems**, Volume 18 Issue 1

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This paper describes an approximate Mean Value Analysis (MVA) model developed to project the performance of a small-scale shared-memory commercial symmetric multiprocessor system. The system, based on Hewlett Packard Precision Architecture processors, supports multiple active user processes and multiple execution threads within the operating system. Using detailed timing for hardware delays, a customized approximate closed queueing model is developed for the multiprocessor system ...

14 Memory bandwidth limitations of future microprocessors

Doug Burger, James R. Goodman, Alain Kägi
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This paper makes the case that pin bandwidth will be a critical consideration for future microprocessors. We show that many of the techniques used to tolerate growing memory latencies do so at the expense of increased bandwidth requirements. Using a decomposition of execution time, we show that for modern processors that employ aggressive memory latency tolerance techniques, wasted cycles due to insufficient bandwidth generally exceed those due to raw memory latencies. Given the importance of ma ...

15 Can shared-memory model serve as a bridging model for parallel computation?

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Hierarchically organized multicomputers such as SMP clusters offer new opportunities and new challenges for high-performance computation, but realizing their full potential remains a formidable task. We present a hierarchical model of communication targeted to block-structured, bulk-synchronous applications running on dedicated clusters of symmetric multiprocessors. Our model supports node-level rather processor-level communication as the fundamental operation, and is optimized for aggregate pat ...

18 Coherent network interfaces for fine-grain communication

Shubhendu S. Mukherjee, Babak Falsafi, Mark D. Hill, David A. Wood

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Historically, processor accesses to memory-mapped device registers have been marked uncachable to insure their visibility to the device. The ubiquity of snooping cache coherence, however, makes it possible for processors and devices to interact with cachable, coherent memory operations. Using coherence can improve performance by facilitating burst transfers of whole cache blocks and reducing control overheads (e.g., for polling).This paper begins an exploration of network interfaces (NIs) that u ...

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Currently, most data accessed on large servers is structured data stored in traditional databases. Networks are LAN based and clients range from simple terminals to powerful workstations. The user is corporate and the application developer is an MIS professional.With the introduction of broadband communications to the home and better than 100-to-1 compression techniques, a new form of network-based computing is emerging. Structured data is still important, but the bulk of data b ...

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The expanding gap between microprocessor and DRAM performance has necessitated the use of increasingly aggressive techniques designed to reduce or hide the latency of main memory access. Although large cache hierarchies have proven to be effective in reducing this latency for the most frequently used data, it is still not uncommon for many programs to spend more than half their run times stalled on memory requests. Data prefetching has been proposed as a technique for hiding the access lat ...

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